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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Mission C196C

1. This is a preliminary intelligence summary of pertinent information relating to Mission C196C.

2. This mission will probably come within range of five MIG-21 aircraft. Two are believed based at Liencheng Airfield--which is also a target--and three others are believed based at Lungchi Airfield opposite the offshore islands.

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3. We are carrying three suspect SAM sites in the area of the mission. These are located at Hsingcheng, Hsingning, and Swatow.

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4. This mission will cover 17 COMOR targets. Four of these are high priority. Four airfields are involved and these are the four. They are Shuikou, (Huiyang), Hsincheng, Hsingning, and Liencheng. Most of the other targets are military facilities and consist mostly of barracks areas. Coverage of the airfields will provide up-to-date Air Order-of-Battle information which is always desired.

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Unfortunately, the airfields which will be covered are not at the present time high priority targets [redacted]. The most important one [redacted] is Liencheng. Although a large number of barracks areas are listed as targets it is questionable whether any really useful information will be forthcoming regardless of how complete the coverage. The Chinese Communist ground force Order-of-Battle is well known through other sources and the barracks in this area have been photographed many times. It is always possible, however, that some new development will be disclosed such as the recent missile activity at the Wu-wei barracks area. However, I do not really expect such a dramatic development to occur in the area of this mission.

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5. OSI and OEL have been alerted per our agreement and their intelligence inputs and our best judgement on their findings, if any, will be presented at the appropriate time.

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